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Invention: PROCESS FOR THE OBTAINING OF HMG-CoA  
REDUCTASE INHIBITORS OF HIGH PURITY  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**RESPONSE B**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this response to the Office Action of April 23, 2001, and asks that the following amendments be entered.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 47, and amend claims 24, 34-37, 40, and 42- 45 as follows.

24. (twice amended) A process for the isolation and purification of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors from mycelium biomass which comprises: